(*a*) whether it is a ryots' road or a Government road;

(*b*) its length;

(*c*) whether it is gravelled;

(*d*) whether they have received any representation for gravelling the road; and

(*e*) whether they have received any estimate from the Public Works Department for gravelling the road?

(2) Are they aware that people who come from the south to the Veeyapuram timber depot are put to very great inconvenience owing to the absence of a gravelled road?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) It is a Government road.

(*b*) About 4 miles.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(2) A gravelled road would afford greater convenience.

Chemmarapally-Puthupally road.

272. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) With reference to the Chemmarapally-Puthupally road (deviation from the 2nd mile-stone, Kottayam-Karukachal road to Puthupally Angadi), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) its length;

(*b*) the probable expenditure to be incurred by Government according to the estimate prepared by the Department;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned in the Budget for 1105 for the road;

(*d*) the amount spent so far (28-7-1105) from the Budget amount;

(*e*) the length of the portion of the road completed so far (28-7-1105);

(*f*) whether Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar while he was the acting Chief Engineer has recorded an opinion that the above road is not necessary; and

(*g*) whether the Chief Engineer has written to the Division Officer, Kottayam, that the amount sanctioned for the road in the Budget for 1105 may be diverted for more urgent work and that this work might lie over?

(2) If the answer to part (1) (*g*) is in the negative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of letter No. 2151, dated 15-10-1929, from the Chief Engineer, addressed to the Division Officer, Kottayam?

(3) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer is authorised to divert any amount sanctioned for one work for another work; and

(*b*) whether this particular amount was diverted with the sanction of Government?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) One mile and 1650 feet.
(*b*) Rs. 3,460.
(*c*) Rs. 1,000.
(*d*) None.
(*e*) The work has not been taken up yet.
(*f*) No.
(*g*) Yes.

(2) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (1) (*g*) above.

(3) (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (3) (*a*).

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): പാർട്ട് ബി. ഫ 0 ൪-ലെ ബഡ്ജറിൽ ഈ റോഡിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിനായി ന, ൪ന്യ 0 രൂപാ ആവശ്യമായിരിക്കേ ആയിരം രൂപാ മാത്രം അനുവദിച്ചു. ആ ആയിരം രൂപായും അതിലേക്കു ചിലവാക്കാതെ ഡൈവർട്ട ചെയ്തു വേറെ ഒന്നിലേക്കു വിനിയോഗിക്കാൻ കാരണമെന്തു"?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer thought that it was not an urgent work. There were other very urgent works to be attended to; hence this amount was diverted. This work was not considered a very urgent one.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇതുയും തുക ബഡ്ജറിൽ കൊള്ളിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലായിരുന്നുവെല്ലോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ബഡ്ജറിൽ ചേത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നല്ലാതെ അതു അടിയന്തരം ആണെന്നു ചേത്തിട്ടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതു് അത്യാവശ്യമായ മറ്റു വേലകൾക്കു ചിലവാക്കി.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അപ്പോൾ ബഡ്ജറിൽ ആവശ്യമുള്ളതിനും ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതിനും പണം ചേക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞില്ല. അതു അടിയന്തരമല്ല എന്നാണു് പറഞ്ഞതു്.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഈ റോഡിനു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം ഏതുവകയിലേക്കു ചിലവാക്കിയോ അതുപോലെ ആ സ്ഥലത്തുള്ളവർക്കു് അത്യാവശ്യമുള്ള ഒരു റോഡാണു് ഇതു് എന്നു അറിയാമോ?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളതാണോ എന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ തരമില്ലാ.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അടുത്ത ആണ്ടിലെങ്കിലും ഈ റോഡിന് ആവശ്യമുള്ള തുക ഒടയവായി വിനിയോഗിക്കുമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ആ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Manganam and Kaithachira Bridges.

273. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): With reference to the Manganam and Kaithachira bridges on the Kottayam-Karukachal road, will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the trough plates of the above bridges are filled with ordinary river sand instead of tar-in-sand?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that this requires examination and that he has directed the Division Officer to have it examined and make a report.

Kottayam-Karukachal road.

274. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) With reference to the answer to question No. 62, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd January 1930 *re* the Kottayam-Karukachal road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how far the work has progressed; and

(*b*) whether the above road is now (28-7-1105) fit for motor traffic?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent for the above work within the last three months; and

(*b*) whether they have permitted any service car to ply through the Manganam and Kaithachira bridges; and if not, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) All works except the approaches to the Thottakad bridge are completed.

(*b*) The road is fit for motor traffic during the summer only *i. e.*, for pleasure cars and not for buses.

(2) (*a*) Rs. 200.

(*b*) No, the road is not fit for bus service as it is neither metalled nor gravelled.

Puthupally-Puthusseri road.

275. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) With reference to the Puthupally-Puthusseri road (deviation from 3rd mile, 7th furlong, Kottayam-Karukachal road to K. K. road 3rd mile, 8th furlong), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the above road was taken up for maintenance or construction;

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